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SUBJ: KRYZA AND MCGUIRE VISIT TO GUINEA-BISSAU

1. GUINEA-BISSAU VISIT BY AF EXEC DIRECTOR KRYZA AND COUNTRY OFFICER MCGUIRE MOST USEFUL. GOGB WARMLY WELCOMED VISIT AND HIGHLIGHTS WERE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT LUIS CABRAL AND DINNER WITH MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, NOW ACT.FOREIGN MINISTER, JOSE ARAUJO.

2. CABRAL STRESSED HOPE THAT GOGB-US RELATIONS WOULD BE "MORE FRIENDLY THAN JUST NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS".

CABRAL, ARAUJO, AND OTHERS NOTED HOUSING AND OFFICE SHORTAGE,AS WELL AS OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS, WHICH WOULD SLOW PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING EMBASSIES IN BISSAU. THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION GAINED WAS THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOGB IS IN NO HURRY FOR US TO ESTABLISH A RESIDENT

MISSION, BUT THAT IT WOULD WELCOME THE EARLY APPOINTMENT OF A NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADOR SO AS TO PROVIDE A CHANNEL FOR REQUESTS FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

3. ON SUBJECT OF GOGB-PAIGC DELEGATION VISIT TO US CABRAL SAID PLANS HAVE BEEN DELAYED BY PRESS OF BUSINESS, VISITS BY HEADS OF STATES (LIBERIA AND MAURITANIA WITHIN LAST FIVE DAYS) AND NECESSITY OF SENDING GOGB DELS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. WE REITERATED NEED FOR SPECIFICS, WHICH COULD BE PASSED VIA EMBASSY DAKAR OR CON-AKRY, IN ORDER TO PLAN FOR VISIT. OUR BEST GUESS IS THAT SUCH A DEL WILL NOT PLAN US TRIP BEFORE MID-MARCH.

4. IN DISCUSSION WITH ARAUJO, MCGUIRE NOTED THAT HE HAD JUST SPENT THREE DAYS IN CAPE VERDE AND THAT THERE WAS NO "FOOD EMERGENCY" AT THIS TIME. OUR OPINION, WHICH IS SHARED BY UNICEF AND UNDP RESREP IN BISSAU, IS THAT FOOD STOCKS IN CAPE VERDE ADEQUATE AT LEAST UNTIL JULY 5 INDEPENDENCE. PRESENT SHORTAGES IN CAPE VERDE CAUSED BY DELAY IN ARRIVAL OF PORTUGUESE SHIPS. FAO/WFP ALSO SUPPLYING 5,200 TONS OF CORN WHICH SHOULD ARRIVE IN CAPE VERDE IN VERY NEAR FUTURE. FOOD SITUATION IN CAPE VERDE WILL BECOME MOST SERIOUS IF DROUHGT CONTINUES INTO EIGHTH YEAR AND IF OTHER DONORS DO NOT STEP IN TO FILL 40 MILLION DOLLAR PER YEAR PROGRAM OF FAMINE RELIEF WHICH PORTUGUESE WILL TERMINATE AT INDEPENDENCE.  
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